

CLY FATHERS TO ATTEMPT THINGS

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE

SANITARY LAWS VIOLATED

Street Naming Ordinance Is Passed and Many Other Important Affairs Were Discussed

The Baxter Springs city council was in session for nearly three hours last night, much important business being up for consideration and action. The first step was the straightening out, to some extent, of police affairs by the acceptance of the resignation of the night watch, H. M. Horton, and the appointment of M. W. Foster to the night work job at the same salary, \$60 per month that Horton drew. Mr. Horton demanded a raise of \$30 per month and resigned when his demand was refused.

In the private drainage matters concerning the several hotels of the city the mayor announced the temporary balling up of the constructing of the sewers, by reason of the refusal of the county recorder to put the necessary papers on record until the Governor or Attorney General of the state had approved of them.

Report of the committee appointed to audit the books of the outgoing city clerk was not available for the reason that the undertaking had not been finished.

Ordinance No. 189 relating to the construction and repair of sidewalks, curbs, etc., and the grading and improvement of streets and alleys of the city, requiring parties to secure permits from the city before undertaking construction, repair or alterations on streets, side walks or curbs, and the payment of a nominal fee for such privilege, was put upon its first reading and will be passed in the usual way.

It developed in the discussion of this ordinance that the M. O. & G. Railway had laid its tracks over and on top of a certain sidewalk of the city, and the city attorney was instructed to investigate the legal rights of the city in the matter and to take the necessary steps to enforce law.

The city will also take a hand in the Frisco-Interurban row by requiring the Frisco to remove its cars from the street crossing at the lower end of Military St., so that vehicles may pass without the danger of collision, and the city will also require the Frisco to bring its track to street grade at that point if it is found above grade.

Ordinance No. 190 changing the names of the city streets to conform to a plan adopted some weeks ago, with two exceptions, was by suspension of the rules, put upon its third reading and passed and will become a law as soon as published. Streets running East and West will be known and numbered as streets beginning at the street called Elm on the old town plats streets will be known in their order as follows: Elm being named Second street and on up to Twenty-second street, on the southern border of city. Running north and south the following changes will be noted: Third Ave. to Railroad Ave.; Second Ave. to Seneca Ave.; First Ave. to Wyandotte Ave.; Washington to West Ave.; Jefferson to Grant Ave.; Jackson to Lincoln Ave.; Main to Park Ave.; McKeehan, Gulf and Grove to Washington Ave.; Lincoln, Warwick Place Addition, Riggins and Grand to Cherokee Ave.; Ralston to Missouri Ave.; Marion to Garfield Ave.; Timber to Fairview Ave. This leaves the beloved and revered names Military, for the main business street of the city, and Riverside Drive as the favorite residence street as formerly, and they were the only streets not affected in the change.

The question of proper sanitation conditions in the city was considered and the mayor instructed the city marshal to go over the business districts and order property owners and tenants to clean up back lots and dispense with throwing trash and refuse, slops, dishwater, etc., into the alleys or on the streets of the city and to apply the nuisance laws in case of continued violation.

Committee on matter of purchasing fire hose was not ready to report and was instructed to continue its efforts until the next meeting.

The committee instructed at a form-meeting to move a barn from the street in a certain location, reported the barn would be moved in ten days or so or as soon as the owner could dispose of the hay it contained. The light committee refused to

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NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL OVER KANSAS

Happenings of More or Less Interest Gathered From Many Sources.

BELIEVE WHEAT CROP IS HUR

Southwestern Kansas Grain Dealers Take a Pessimistic View of Outlook for This Year.

Optimism is an unknown quantity among Kansas grain dealers concerning the 1918 wheat crop. This is particularly true among the men in the western and southwestern part of the state, where it is said that, under the most favorable conditions, not more than 50 per cent of the acreage sown last fall can be counted on for a crop.

Much of the wheat did not come up last fall and some that did come up was killed by the extremely low temperatures, which on one occasion was as low as 23 degrees below zero at a time when there was no snow on the ground.

Some of the wheat that did not come up last fall is now sprouting, and there is moisture enough in the ground to give it a good start if the high winds do not kill it. It is said by some of the grain men at Wichita, attending the annual convention of the Kansas and Oklahoma Farmers' Co-operative Grain Dealers' Association, that the recent dust storm in the western part of the state was one of the worst they ever saw. At times it was not possible to see the telephone poles from the car windows.

A debate on the war, and particularly the Liberty Loan, is to be held in every Kansas school house on the anniversary of America entering the war, April 6. They will be staged by the school children of the state and the material will be furnished them by the Liberty Loan committee for the state. C. L. Davidson of Wichita is chairman of the committee. He has named W. D. Ross, state superintendent, as the chairman of the committee on the school debates and this committee met in Topeka to work out the plans for the debates.

Roy Ard, once accused of wife murder in Allen County, acquitted by a jury last year, must now go to war. The first district appeal board has turned down his claim for exemption from war service and ordered him held in Class 1. Ard made his claim for exemption on the ground of agricultural activity, but his showing as a farmer was held not to be sufficient to warrant the board exempting him from service in the army.

The Kansas Shoe Retailers' Association closed the annual convention at Hutchinson, electing officers as follows: W. T. ("Deacon") Orr, Winfield, president; Grant Templin, Minneapolis; R. H. Fudge, Herington; G. A. Bowen, Wichita, and Harry Campbell, Hutchinson, vice presidents; L. E. Lawson, McPherson, treasurer; Clarence Brosius, Wichita, secretary.

Because he carried names of German born persons in many Kansas and Oklahoma towns, and is alleged to be making a trip through these states to call on them, the Atchison police recently arrested Prof. J. P. Loeburg, formerly a member of the board of education in New York City. He is being held pending investigation by federal authorities.

Death recently claimed another Kansas pioneer, William W. Miller, for more than forty-five years a stockman and banker of Osage County. His death was due to cerebral hemorrhage. Two years ago Mr. Miller moved to Topeka after selling his banking interests at Osage City.

Dewitt Ballard, 60 years old, operator of the Santa Fe turntable at Wellington, was killed the other night, his body being found in the pit later by workmen.

Wall paper hangers in Kansas who use flour in making paste must buy equal quantities of substitutes with all flour, according to a ruling of the United States Food Administrator.

Constitutionality of the Kansas "White Slave Law" was upheld by the state supreme court in a decision handed down recently. The court held not only that the passage of the law was regular, but also that prosecutions might be maintained under its provisions.

H. B. Stone, a pioneer settler of Coffey County, and a veteran of the Civil War, is dead at Burlington of paralysis. He was 86 years old. For many years Mr. Stone was known locally as "Old Shady" from the fact that he always sang "Old Shady" at the old soldiers' gatherings.

At a home talent entertainment and auction sale at Wellsville, the Red Cross realized \$756 for the local auxiliary. A quilt knitted by children in the public schools sold for \$316.

All Kansans are urged to co-operate in launching a campaign to put the state over the top in the third Liberty Loan drive, in a proclamation issued by Governor Capper setting aside April 6 as "Liberty Loan Day." The governor calls attention to the fact that Kansas has answered every patriotic call so far made during the war, whether for soldiers or money. He expresses confidence that the state will continue to respond. As the government will display an "Honor Flag" at Washington, on which will be recorded the result of the bond drive in each state, the governor is particularly anxious that Kansas earn a place of honor on that flag.

Judge J. C. Rupenthal of the Twenty-third Judicial District yesterday moved his court from the court house in Wakeeney to the farm yard of Elmer Price, ten miles in the country, and the court session was kept to the windward side of Price, who was the witness examined. Price had the smallpox and could not be taken to town. The judge refused to continue the case in court, hence the transfer. Doctors wrapped Price in blankets and placed him in the dooryard some distance away from Judge Rupenthal, who sat on a cultivator. The court reporter used a barrel for a desk and the attorneys sat on piles of corn fodder. The attorneys at no time got close enough to the witness to shake their fingers in his face.

The Rev. H. C. Wharton, veteran Kansas Methodist minister, died March 10 in St. Petersburg, Fla., at the age of 71. He held pastorates at Eldorado, Pratt, Arkansas City, Harper, Marion, Hutchinson, Kinsley and other places in the Southwest Kansas Methodist conference. He retired from the ministry two years ago. He was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted at the age of 16. The four children surviving are the Rev. W. P. Wharton, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Independence, Kas.; Mrs. Homer Hoch, Marion, Kas.; Mrs. Harry Montgomery, Hutchinson, Kas., and Dr. Wallace Wharton, Tacoma, Wash.

This is the year, of all others, for letting the contract for the geography for the coming five years. When the board was in session recently and it reached that part of its work the members threw up their hands. The text book regarded as a standard work on geography today may be obsolete in a year. But of course the lawmakers didn't think about the war. The letting of the contract was postponed until the next meeting of the commission in order to give the members an opportunity to decide the question.

The government has fixed the price of cement for road building in Kansas this year. The price is \$1.50 a barrel at Iola, about thirty cents under the present market quotations. The government is interested in the building of a hard road between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley. It wants this road built as quickly as possible, along with a connecting link to Kansas City, thus giving an all year highway for motor truck transfer between Kansas City and the two posts.

The Kansas State Retailers' Association at the closing session of its annual convention at Pittsburg selected Hutchinson as the meeting place next year and elected the following officers: President, H. W. Brewer, Manhattan; vice presidents, I. D. Vanmeter, Parsons; Sam Rothwell, Bison; A. G. Johnson, Salina; J. C. Martin, Wellington; A. O. Wheeler, Pittsburg; treasurer, C. J. McCarthy, Emporia. J. A. Olinger of Emporia is secretary.

The contract has been let for the erection of a new Catholic school at Greeley to cost \$15,000.

Lieut. J. W. Hall is at home in Onaga with wounds received in a recent battle in France while acting with the British army. A shell exploded and tore his leg so badly that it was believed that he must suffer its amputation. Later, however, it was saved. Lieutenant Hall is believed to be the first Kansan to return from the war wounded.

The Seed Loan Bank has opened in Wichita for the man who can't afford to buy seed for his garden. Strict account is kept of him and the progress of his garden by a supervisor the city provides.

The Halstead board of education voted the other night to drop the teaching of German in the city schools.

Elsie Randolph, 11 years old, is dead at Salina from gangrene which developed from frozen feet. The child's zeal to attend school two miles from home at Bogue, in zero weather, caused the trouble.

The Rev. Dr. A. W. Dahlsten, 81 years old, is dead and his funeral took place at Lindsborg recently. Doctor Dahlsten was a pioneer minister in Central Kansas, and forty-eight years ago organized the Swedish Lutheran Church in Salina and was the first pastor of the church.

Relatives have received word that Clarence Gibbons, a Newton man, was killed in a motor car accident at Colorado Springs the other day. Gibbons had been married only a short time.

CAPTAINS NAMED FOR THE GARDEN CONTEST

Districts Also Designated at Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary of Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms the Woman's Auxiliary completed its plan for the 1918 garden contest in Baxter Springs. We announced Monday in the Baxter Daily Citizen the city was divided into 18 districts. Each district was provided with two captains whose duty will be to go over their respective districts once a month for the purpose of grading the gardens and lawns. The following districts were mapped out, and captains named:

East Side of City
Using Military street as dividing line:

From North street, extending northward to the city limits and east to the city limits will be in charge of Mrs. T. L. Myers and Mrs. A. R. Kane. Mrs. J. W. Cook and Mrs. D. S. Chubb were assigned from North street to Water street (Spring Park.) Mrs. Edward Polster and Mrs. C. A. Marshal, Water street to Sherman street.

Mrs. John Griffard and Mrs. O. M. Rhine, Sherman street to Neosho street.

Mrs. L. M. Perkins and Mrs. O. F. Brinton, from Neosho to Cedar street. Mrs. J. H. Hannah and Mrs. C. L. Mariner, Cedar to Vine street.

Mrs. Charles Opperman and Mrs. S. W. Van Dyne, Vine to Shawnee street.

Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. E. M. Richardson, Shawnee to Mulberry street.

Mrs. Sidney Davis and Mrs. Troy Killingsworth, Mulberry to the south city limits.

West Side of City

Mrs. Merton Goodenough and Mrs. Leslie Meyerding, Walnut street, north to the city limits.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Mrs. M. I. Nichols, Walnut street south to Water street.

Mrs. Fred Nichols and Mrs. S. P. Warren, Water street to Sherman.

Mrs. L. L. Cardin and Mrs. C. R. Jones, from Sherman street to Neosho street.

Mrs. Earl Stevison and Mrs. E. L. Clark, from Neosho street to Peoria street.

Mrs. J. W. Kaltenbach and Mrs. J. T. Morrison, from Peoria street to the south city limits.

Mrs. J. R. Green and Mrs. G. W. Skinner, the Omaha addition.

The ladies attending the meeting were as follows: Mrs. W. T. Apple, Mrs. Merton Goodenough, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. K. L. Koelker, Mrs. J. W. Kaltenbach, Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mrs. C. C. Sparlin, Mrs. L. L. Cardin, Mrs. G. W. Skinner, Mrs. Troy Killingsworth, Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. T. L. Myers, Mrs. A. R. Keldall, Mrs. A. R. Kane, Mrs. J. T. Morrison, Mrs. Fairfax Barnes, Mrs. O. M. Rhine, Mrs. Leslie Meyerding, Mrs. Fred Nichols, Mrs. J. W. Cook, Mrs. S. W. Van Dyne, Mrs. Charles Opperman, Mrs. A. R. Weaver, Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Earl Stevison, Mrs. O. E. Marshall.

A KANSAS COUNTY'S MODEL ORGANIZATION

More than one month in advance of the opening of the campaign for the Third Liberty Loan, Chairman W. J. Rhoades of Olathe, has built up a strong organization for Johnson county, Kansas, that may be depended upon to put over that county's quota in fine shape.

Mr. Rhoades overlooked nothing in his plan for effective work. He has as secretary of the organization, Mr. F. L. House. Then there are chairmen for all departments. Mr. W. W. Fry is the campaign chairman, Mr. H. M. Brockett is banking chairman, and Mr. P. K. Hendrix is assistant banking chairman. A force of fourteen of the best speakers enrolled as Four-Minute men is in charge of Chairman O. J. Scott. The Publicity Chairman is Mr. E. W. Miller, and he has a committee of eight of the busiest newspaper men of the county to assist him.

The city of Olathe has a chairman in the person of Mr. F. M. Larimer, who has an organization in every one of the wards, as well as one for the business district. Then there are thirty-five school districts in the county, and for each district there is an organization of workers directed by a committee of three, men and women serving on these committees.

Each town in the county also has a complete organization.

This is pronounced a model organization. It has been carefully worked out and is commended by the Liberty Loan Committee as among the best for thorough and systematic work that could be formed.

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